

WebGuide™

the underground guide to what's hot on the web

When we say *underground*, we get literal. We picture cavernous steam tunnels. Abandoned elevator shafts.

A rusty lock giving way under the gentle pressure of a lockpicking tool. Hackers at MIT call this kind of exploration "Roof and Tunnel Hacking." We feel that their feverish pursuit of "non-intrusive exploration" bears a close resemblance to our own yen to turn away from the brightly lit midway of the 'net and tumble into its subterranean depths.

We appreciate the spirit of the preface to the MIT Hacking Community's famous *Guide to Lockpicking*. It counsels, "Be SUBTLE. Leave no evidence that you were ever there. Leave things as you found them—or better." We find that the same rules apply to poking around on the 'net.

We've written this Web Guide to give you a flashlight, a blueprint, a whispered rumor to guide you as you fumble your way through the dim tunnels of the Internet underground. Don't be afraid; we've found some interesting destinations down here in the dark.

Disclaimer: We are not responsible for the content or the availability of the sites that we reference in this publication.

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THE ADVANCED (INFAMOUS!) NERDITY TEST

<http://gonzo.tamu.edu/nerd-backwards.html>

A very long test concerning UNIX, calculus, Kelvin, C, lightsabers, role-playing games, oscilloscopes, Spock ears, NoDoz, square roots, cold pizza, graph paper and reverse Polish notation. Also links to the "standard" version of the test, but we felt the advanced test was more appropriate to our readership. Webmaster: J. Bennett of Cornell University

★★★★

THE BARNEY FUN PAGE

<http://ugweb.cs.ualberta.ca/~gerald/barney/>

I felt disturbingly excited as I used a knife, an Uzi, a cannon and more on this brand-name purple dinosaur. After a few frames, his wounds started to leak blood slowly. He grinned on. I finished him off with an axe and all was quiet.

Webmaster: Gerald Oskoboiny

★★

THE BASTARD OPERATOR FROM HELL

<http://www.fn.net/~thrasher/BOFH/>

These are the stories of the Bastard Operator from Hell, every loser's (err...we meant user's) worst nightmare. We won't spill the details, but this saga of the exploits of an evil campus sysop is truly hilarious.

Webmaster: Brad Owens, a.k.a. thrasher

★★★★★

THE BASTARD SON OF THE LORD HOME PAGE

<http://www.unc.edu/~sca4807>

The home page of a guy named Jesus, maintained by a guy named by Steve. J.C. keeps regular records in the Messiah log. He's a funny guy; you'd be surprised. You can drop either Steve or Jesus e-mail. I expect Jesus gets slightly more than Steve does.

Webmaster: Steve, sca4807@email.unc.edu

★★★★★

THE CALVIN AND HOBBES HOME PAGE

<http://www.eng.hawaii.edu/Contribs/Justin/Archive/Index.html>

Contribs/Justin/Archive/Index.html

An elegant and comprehensive guide to C&H, linking to pictures of the strip, related news-groups, FTP sites and lists of the books.

Presented in a spirit of homage and respect to the creator of the strip, Bill Watterson, and celebrates one hyperimaginative little boy and his trusty tiger.

Webmaster: Justin Higuchi

★★★★★

THE CLASSIC VIDEO GAMES HOME PAGE

<http://www2.ecst.csuchico.edu/~gchance/>

Dedicated to video games of yore, and the systems that ran 'em. There are catalogs as well as info on Atari, Colecovision, the Mattel Aquarius, Intellivision and more. Especially amusing are Greg's reminiscences on the acquisitions of key pieces of his collection.

Webmaster: Greg Chance

★★

THE CONFESSION BOOTH

<http://anther.learning.cs.cmu.edu/priest.html>

Radio buttons allow you to select the category of sin that's weighing you down: avarice, lust, sloth, etc. Then you're asked to send in the juicy details anonymously. We felt pretty good when we got done.

Webmaster: Empirical Media

★★

CURSING IN SWEDISH: HOW TO BE ABUSIVE IN THE SWEDISH LANGUAGE

<http://www.bart.nl/~sante/enginevek.html>

Over 50 .wav files are presented here because "cursing with a heavy accent is often perceived as mildly ridiculous." The finer linguistic points of swearing—copulatory epithets, cursing and exclamations—are all covered in scholarly and humorous detail. Textual.

Webmasters: Anne and Johan Santesson

★★★

THE CYRANO SERVER

<http://www.nando.net/toys/cyrano.html>

In mad-lib style, you choose adverbs, tone and favorite body parts, and the Cyrano Server will compose a love letter for you to e-mail to your sweetie. If your love's on the wane, Cyrano can also write that Dear John letter you've been putting off.

Webmaster: Nando

★★★

DEAD POOL 1995

<http://www.pitt.edu/~jwast8/Deadpool.html>

~jwast8/Deadpool.html

Friendly wagers on which celebrities will expire within the year, supplemented by obituaries of the departed and the "I Can't Believe I Didn't Pick Them!" Page. Very morbid.

Webmaster: Jeff Allen

★★★★★

THE GADGET PAGE

<http://www.netcreations.com/gadget/index2.htm>

A gadget is defined herein as a "brilliant con-

trivance of human ingenuity that makes our day just a little bit easier and more enjoyable." Look at novelty phones, *Star Trek* gizmos and juke boxes, and link to all sorts of useful and interesting gadgetry pages.

Webmaster: New Tech Industries

★ ★ ★

GEEK CHIC

<http://access.advr.com/~geekchic/>
This is a classy site for all of us geeks out there. In addition to Chic, there's Geek Rhetorique, Idyllic and Photogenique. Revel in the geekdom.

Webmaster: Geek Chic

★ ★ ★ ★

"Slime, in all
its lubricious
squishiness, is
just plain fun."

//from House of Slime

GENESIS PARODY

<http://www.cid.com/~werdna/creation.html>

No, not the band, silly. The Judeo-Christian legend of creation. "And just to put matters beyond the valley of the shadow of a doubt God created carbon dating. And this is the origin of species." Textual.

Webmaster: Andrew Tong

★ ★ ★

GROUCHY CAFE HOME PAGE

<http://www.echony.com/~cafephrk/cafe.html>

An endearingly grouchy virtual hang-out. Topics include angst, tofu, coffee and the coming-of-age novels of Judy Blume.

Webmaster: Cafephreak

★ ★ ★ ★

HALLUCINET

<http://www.hallucinet.com/>

HalluciNet is a dark, funky online mag "which

provides non-mainstream access to writers, poets, directors, artists and entertainers for publication in multimedia form." You'll find promos for offbeat films, reviews of clubs and coffeehouses, some poetry and Hollywood gossip. All presented with a dark feel and great graphics.

Webmasters: HalluciNet and BearLeft Productions

★ ★ ★ ★

HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY

<http://www.galcit.caltech.edu/~jdavis/hhgtg.html>

Don't panic. This is the comprehensive home page for the entertaining sci-fi "trilogy" of the absurd intergalactic travels of the hapless Arthur Dent. Link to sound files, Zaphod pages, book excerpts, fan clubs and parodies. Cool and froody.

Webmaster: Jean-Paul Davis

★ ★ ★ ★

HOUSE OF SLIME

<http://www.teleport.com/~jleon/index.html>

The people at the House of Slime pose these important questions: "Why slime? Why Not? Slime is what has been missing from the clean, dry, electrical world of computers. Slime is Life. Slime facilitates the senses and thus links us to information; and slime in all its lubricious squishiness is just plain fun." Explore its many manifestations in slugs, slime molds and mucus.

Webmaster: John L. Stone

★ ★

HOW TO TELL IF YOUR HEAD'S ABOUT TO BLOW UP

<http://www.mit.edu:8001/people/mkgray/head-explode.html>

Quoted from a real article in the tabloid press. Beware of headaches, a propensity for math and logic and a tendency to think "too much" about things.

Webmaster: Matthew K. Gray

★ ★

THE INFESTED WEB

OF PENN & TELLER

<http://www.solinas.com/penn-n-teller/>

Dedicated to the *noir* magic team of a "tall loud guy and a short silent guy." Includes the infamous *Wired* interview with Penn, musings on fortune cookies, images of Penn's house, a tour schedule, Web sightings and discussion of the magic business. Most shocking is an actual audio clip of the taciturn Teller.

Webmasters: Paul Nielsen and Michael Solinas

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

"Map to the stars' homes"

Scott Adams
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a sampling of

celebrity e-mail

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INTERNET CRIME ARCHIVES

<http://www.underground.net:80/Art/Crime>
The backgrounds strobe violently. The tone is gleeful, sarcastic and tabloidesque. The motto is, "They tried it, they liked it, they did it again!" Did what, you ask? Killed, baby, killed. This is a site devoted to mass murderers. You'll find out what makes a psycho tick. Webmaster: Underground Net

★★★★★

THE JOE BOXER WWW PLAYGROUND

<http://www.joeboxer.com>
This corporate site has an alternative feel due to eerie graphics that give no clue as to their destination. The whole place is schizophrenic, designed to have two completely different paths, normality- and weirdness-flavored. Eventually you get around to the underwear, but it's a long, strange trip. Heavy graphics. Webmaster: Joe Boxer Corporation

★★★★★

LEGO INFORMATION

<http://legowww.homepages.com/>
This site for the LEGO enthusiast has information on the current product line, history of the toy, fan art, photographs of ambitious LEGO constructions (such as a full-size, working automobile) and ideas for games and projects. Webmaster: David Koblas

★★★★

LOVE LIFE RADIO NETWORK

<http://www.cyber-hawaii.com/love/menu.html>
Lots of great love advice, including practical tips tailored to flirting online and making a virtual relationship work. My favorite was the anonymous mailer that lets you send a secret admirer e-mail from afar. Webmasters: Matthew Gray & Angelina

★★★

MATTHEW AND JAKE'S ADVENTURES

<http://www.mit.edu:8001/mj/mj.html>
"Q: Are Matthew and Jake real people? A: No, they are college students." These guys from MIT write up their adventures every few weeks or so and put them online. It has a sweet, do-it-yourself feel as it chronicles their travels with their friends to a pond, an IHOP and a film projectionists' party. Webmasters: matthew-and-jake@mit.edu

★★★★

THE MORTAL KOMBAT WORLD WIDE WEB PAGES

<http://www.cs.ucl.ac.uk/students/A.Espindola/mk/>
A huge and comprehensive site covering every

aspect of the brutal video game. Fans can discuss rumors and news about the game, download images of the players, and grab MK sound files. Also features wish lists, merchandise reviews, FTP sites, game links and a survey in which it is disclosed that Sub-Zero's spinal-rip is the voters' favorite fatality. Webmaster: Antony Espindola

★★★★★

NETBOY

<http://netboy.com>
Meet NetBoy, the stick-figure hero of the bandwidth. One of the first comic strips published online, NetBoy has won a large following due to its Internet-topical humor and absurd tone. There aren't many comics that use cryptography, text editors and UNIX commands as humor fodder, but NetBoy carries it off with grace and style.

Webmaster: Stafford Huyler

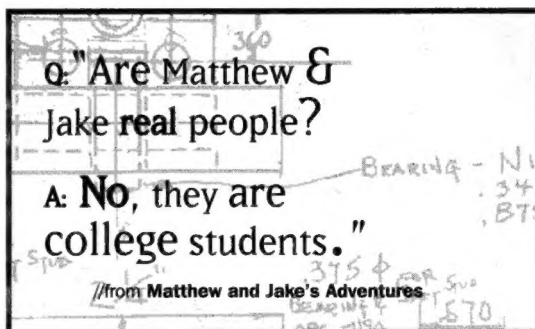
★★★★★

PHONETIC

<http://www.soc.qc.edu/phonetic>
PhoNETic is a site that translates telephone numbers into words. If you were always perplexed by those late-night calls from teenagers yelling, "Your number is 555-DORK!" then this will be a useful primer.

Webmaster: Queens College Sociology Department

★★★



PIERCING MILDRED

<http://www.streams.com/pierce/>
This disturbing game allows you to form a cartoon character and subject it to body piercings and scarification "without all the muss and fuss." It's a weekly contest, in which you must stay within a fixed budget and ward off infections from all the open wounds. It has real prizes and some very real shudders. A gallery shows the winning grotesque creations. Webmaster: Streams Online Media Development

★★★★★

RUSSIAN ROULETTE

<http://www.islandnet.com/~moron/deterrent/roulette.html>
"...All you gotta do is pull the trigger. Hey, you gotta a one-in-six chance of finally having some excitement in your life. Sure as hell beats rereading that old *TV Guide*..." It took me nine tries to virtually off myself; I figure I must lead a charmed life.

Webmaster: Deterrent Industries

★★

SPIRAL INTO THE EIGHTIES WITH JEFF

<http://chat.carleton.ca/~jmain/eighties.html>
"Don't call us X'ers, call us children of the Eighties." A compilation of great Eighties links on topics such as *The Smurfs*, *Simple Minds*, *Sixteen Candles*, *Devo*, breakdancing and *Knight Rider*.

Webmaster: Jeff Main

★★★★★

"Don't call us
X'ers, call us
children of the
eighties."

//from Spiral Into the Eighties With Jeff

THE SPOT

<http://www.thespot.com/>
The Spot is an episodic site built on the premise that seven hip young characters are thrown together to live in a beach house. They post reports on their doings regularly. The audience is the ultimate voyeur, peeking in and watching how the characters play off one another. Rated "Cool Site of the Year"—it's cute, yeah, but not that great.

Webmaster: Fattal & Collins

★★★

THE SQUASHED BUG ZOO

<http://albert.ccae.virginia.edu/~dcm3c/zoo.html>
It's gloomy, Kafkaesque and bug-juice-colored. The background is one huge, squashed mos-

quito, and any dead thing that can fit in a scanner is on display. One thumbnail description of a strangled black blot: "Some kind of roach-thing that I found lurking in my house—little bastard." Sick and twisted, yeah, but we love it anyway.

Webmaster: matt@spasm.clues.com

★★★★

STEVE JACKSON GAMES

<http://www.io.com/sjgames/>
Steve Jackson Games produces books, magazines and such popular role-playing and card games as GURPS, *Illuminati* and *Car Wars*. Get the scoop on how to get the games, the infamous Secret Service incident, conventions and new products.

Webmaster: Steve Jackson Games

★★★★

THE STRAIGHT DOPE

<http://www.mcs.com/~krikket/html/tsd.html>

This site features archives of Cecil Adams' syndicated column, "The Straight Dope," in which he will answer all kinds of wild questions. If you want to know about mystical symbols on the dollar bill or the caloric count of semen, Cecil is your man. Textual.

Webmaster: krikket@mcs.com

★★★★

THE SUBGENIUS PAGE

<http://gagme.www.com/~boba/bob.html#slack>

"If you suspect that things are much worse than you ever suspected—If the only thing you've been able to laugh at for the last five years is the fact that NOTHING is funny anymore—If you sometimes want to collar people on the street and scream that you're more different than they could possibly imagine—then...THE CHURCH OF THE SUBGENIUS could save your sanity!"

Webmaster: Church of the Subgenius

★★★

TALK TO MY CAT

<http://queer.slip.cs.cmu.edu/cgi-bin/talktocat>

Talk to a cat who's in Pittsburgh. Why? Because maybe the cat is lonely, didja ever think of that? You can type in whatever strikes your fancy, and through the miracle of live speech synthesis, a computer will actually groan out the words to the cat. It is not guaranteed that the cat will be awake, but the user is thanked at the end for amusing the cat. There are pictures for those who favor the concrete over the abstract.

Webmaster: Michael Witbrock

★★★

ALL THE FAQs

<http://www.cis.ohio-state.edu/hypertext/faq/usenet/#A>

This site features an extensive alphabetized list of FAQs (Frequently Asked Question lists) from most newsgroups. An incredibly useful and complete resource.

Webmaster: Ohio State University

★★★★★

COOLEST HOSTNAMES ON THE NET

<http://homepage.seas.upenn.edu/~mengwong/coolhosts.html>

Examples include: most.weird.com and abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz_Now_I_know_my_ABCs.yikes.com. Just goes to show what a global communications network can come up with. Unfortunately, many of the funny hostnames no longer work. It's a shame; we were captivated by vo.mit.edu and sheer.hate.org.

Webmaster: Meng Wong

★★

CRYPTOGRAPHY, PGP, AND YOUR PRIVACY

<http://draco.centerline.com:8080/~franl/crypto.html>

An excellent resource for anyone concerned about privacy. Issues and solutions are discussed, and there are live links to organizations that protect your rights through anonymous remailers, ciphers, petitions and more. Nothing fancy visually, but rich with info.

Webmaster: Francis Litterio

★★★★★

DOMAIN NAME REGISTRATION FORM

<http://www.megamart.com/internic/>

A simple form that you can use to register a new domain name. Includes instructions on filling it out and details the responsibilities involved. E-mail it to yourself, then turn it in to InterNIC. Makes the process much easier.

Webmaster: DynamicWeb Transaction Systems

★★★

THE ELECTRONIC FRONTIER FOUNDATION

<http://www.eff.org/>

The biggest name in electronic rights and freedom, the EFF is a not-for-profit civil liberties organization working to protect privacy and freedom of speech in cyberspace.

Webmaster: Electronic Frontier Foundation

★★★★★

THE E-MINDER FREE REMINDER-BY-E-MAIL SERVICE

<http://www.netmind.com/e-minder/e-minder.html>

A very convenient free service offered by

Netmind. E-Minder will help you remember important events by sending a prearranged e-mail memo to you before the event occurs. Pretty nifty for forgetful folks.

Webmaster: Netfind

★★

THE ENHANCED FOR NETSCAPE HALL OF SHAME

http://www.meat.com/netscape_hos.html

Hilarious online documentation of the most flamboyant excesses of Netscape-infatuated Web programmers.

Webmaster: FLUX

★★★

THE EXON AMENDMENT "FAN" PAGE

<http://anansi.panix.com/userdirs/lan/exon/>

The creator of this site writes: "In the full spirit of mocking those who seek to control what they do not understand, I present my rantings, and a script called 'exonerate.' The script encodes and decodes messages that contain words that some might consider obscene. It then replaces those so-called offensive terms with something that I consider even more offensive—the last names of the senators that voted in favor of the Exon Amendment."

Mostly textual.

Webmaster: lan@panix.com

★★★

THE HOME PAGE MAKER

<http://www.wizard.com/~fif/pagemake.html>

~fif/pagemake.html

This site will actually make a home page for you. Believe it. Tell it your hobbies, your hotlist and your fave quotes. Choose the way you want it to look, hit "submit" and a little Perl script will write all the code for you. True, the result is a bit generic, but it's a great starting point.

Webmaster: Stephanie Arnold

★★★

HOW DO THEY DO THAT WITH HTML?

<http://www.nashville.net/~carl/htmlguide/index.html>

Everything that you wanted to know about nifty Web tricks, but were afraid to ask. This site gives straightforward examples and code for colorful backgrounds, counters, browser identifiers, transparent GIFs, animated titles, dynamic documents, access statistics, sounds and more.

Webmaster: Carl Tashian

★★★★★

HOW TO SELECT AN INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER

http://web.cnam.fr/Network/Internet-access/how_to_select.html

The president of UUNet wrote this plain-English

essay on how to select an ISP on the basis of network topology, number of external connections, true connectivity to high-speed backbones, location of POPs, tech support and more. Very helpful, all textual.

Webmaster: UUNET Technologies

★★★★

HTML BAD STYLE PAGE

<http://www.earth.com/bad-style>

We half-expected this page to mock people's home pages, but it turned out to be a very sober primer on what *not* to do when you program your home page. This page warns against not accommodating alternate platforms and future standards. So if you want your page to look good for everyone, stop by this site, check your ego at the door and soak up some of their great tips.

Webmaster: Tony Sanders

★★★★

THE INTERNET UNDERGROUND

<http://www.engin.umich.edu/~jgotts/underground.html>

This page holds a wealth of hacking and phreaking resources (and is not affiliated with our mag). Anyway, it's good, if a bit naughty.

Webmaster: J. Gotts

★★★

JUNO

<http://www.juno.com/>

Juno feels that e-mail is the primary reason that most people get online, and models their e-mail service after television and radio, in which the advertiser subsidizes the cost for the user. In return for providing demographic information, Juno users receive a completely free account and free software.

Webmaster: Juno

★★★★

THE LIST

<http://thelist.com/>

Claims to be "the world's most comprehensive list of Internet Service Providers," with over 1500 listings, arranged by area code. A useful feature is the hyperlinked e-mail addresses to be used to directly contact the companies.

Webmaster: Colossus, Inc.

★★★

MAKE A FRIEND ON THE WEB

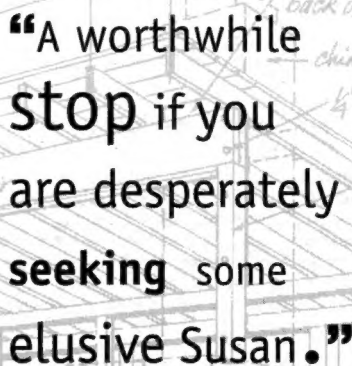
<http://albrecht.ecn.purdue.edu:80/~jbradfor/homepage/homepage.html>

If your loved ones have abandoned you to your pizza-crust littered workstation, you might want to consider using this Make-a-Friend service, which whisks you to one of 12,000 personal home pages in their database. It can be lame because so many people make sorry-lookin'

pages, but sometimes you click on a winner.

Webmasters: Jeff & Santosh

★★



"A worthwhile
stop if you
are desperately
seeking some
elusive Susan."

//about OKRA: Net.Citizen Directory Service

MIRSKY'S WORST OF THE WEB

<http://turnpike.net/metro/mirsky/Worst.html>

Mirsky strives to showcase the worst sites on the Web here. It's wickedly funny and links mainly to personal home pages that are unintentionally awful. It's not mean-spirited in the least—it's just that sites need to be held up as examples of what not to do.

Webmaster: Mirsky-Style Productions

on Volant Turnpike

★★★★★

NETSCAPE BACKGROUND TEXTURES

<http://reality.sgi.com/employees/mark/backgrounds/>

Over 500 seamlessly wrapped background patterns for use underneath your Web page. Find loop, crack, inverse crack and stucco designs in varying degrees of complexity.

Webmaster: Mark Leather

★★★★

OKRA: NET.CITIZEN DIRECTORY SERVICE

<http://okra.ucr.edu/okra/>

OKRA contains over 800,000 e-mail addresses, which means that some of your friends will be in it, but most of them will not. However, it is a worthwhile stop if you are desperately seeking some elusive Susan.

Webmaster: Department of Computer Science at the University of California at Riverside

★★★

P.O. BOX

<http://www.pobox.com/p3/>
No, it's not "pobox," it's "Pee-Oh Box." Like for your mail. These innovative net.persons are selling a lifetime e-mail address at their domain. No matter where you hop around the country, from school to job, from coast to coast, you can always be reached at pobox.com. It's a form of stability in your nomadic life.

Webmaster: Internet Consultants Group

★★★★

PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE MAILING LISTS

<http://www.neosoft.com/internet/paml/>
A very large list of all mailing lists that are available to the general public, updated monthly, with instructions on how to subscribe. Some very weird and specific topics are offered, such as dairy farming and certain alternative bands.

Webmaster: Stephanie da Silva

★★★★★

REALAUDIO HOME PAGE

<http://www.prognet.com/index.html>
RealAudio is amazing software that lets you have audio on demand—without a wait, and for absolutely free! This site offers the necessary software to get the real-time audio experience, plus examples of exciting ways people are using RealAudio on the 'net, such as listening to real-time sports events and participating in interactive simulcasts with chat commentary. Not to be missed.

Webmaster: Progressive Networks

★★★★★

SO YOU WANT TO CREATE AN ALT NEWSGROUP

<http://www.math.psu.edu/barr/alt-creation-guide.html>

"There is no one 'in charge' of the alt hierarchy. The key to creating a successful alt newsgroup depends only on convincing the thousands of news administrators across the globe to carry your newsgroup...This is not an attempt to codify rules or guidelines for alt, but merely a guide to help people get the most out of alt." Sensible talk on the oft-misunderstood alt newsgroups. Textual.

Webmasters: David Barr and the Pennsylvania State University

★★★★★

WEB SURFER'S GUIDE

<http://www.galcit.caltech.edu/~ta/handbook.html>

This page features such jaded humor as Stupid Internet Tricks and the Web-to-English dictionary.

Webmaster: The Creative Internet

★★★★

ZEN AND THE ART OF THE INTERNET

http://www.cs.indiana.edu/docproject/zen/zen-1.0_toc.html

Brendan Kehoe's masterful guide for newbies, presented in its entirety, absolutely free to users of the 'net. We guess he figured that anyone savvy enough to find it online wouldn't be motivated to purchase it. Discusses FTP, Usenet, knowbots, netiquette, e-mail, etc.

Webmaster: Brendan Kehoe

★★★★★

"Lingua Franca"

If you're gonna cruise the 'net, you're gonna have to learn the lingo. Here are some of the most common truncations developed by people with a yen for friendly conversation coupled with a bad case of carpal-tunnel.

BRB: Be right back

BTW: By the way

F2F: Face-to-face

FOAF: Friend of a friend

FYI: For your information

IMHO: In my humble opinion

IRL: In real life

L8R: Later

LDR: Long-distance relationship

MorF?: Are you Male or Female?

ROTFL: Rolling on the floor laughing

SO: Significant other

RTFM: Read the f@!%ing manual

TLA: Three-letter acronym

BELLY—ARE YOU SUPER-CONNECTED NOW?

<http://www.stack.unc.edu/~conrad/belly/index.html>

Lovely, colorful site dedicated to Belly and their songs. Most helpful are the offerings of lyrics, as Belly albums publish only snippets of important lyrics, and there are varied interpretations of what Tanya Donnelly is singing. You can also find the text of Belly interviews and images of the band. The site gives off the same positive, mystical aura that the band's songs do.

Webmaster: Conrad at Stack

★★★★

BJORK'S—WEB SENSE

<http://www.bjork.co.uk/bjork/>

The career of Iceland's premier wee waify elf-girl is explored in this rocking, rocketing, gorgeous site. Download Bjork's exuberant quotes, haunting lyrics and mischievous photos from her early gigs to her days fronting the Sugarcubes to her current solo success.

Webmaster: Nick Lehman et al

★★★★★

CDNOW

<http://www.cdnw.com>

A perfect example of how online shopping can be a more complete experience than going to the mall. Cdnw offers low prices, two-day shipping and a huge selection of discs, mags and videos. The interface provides ratings of songs as well as links to similar music.

Webmaster: Cdnw

★★★★

BLUES TRAVELER HOME PAGE

<http://www.sgi.net/bluestraveler/>

Harmonicas and soulful lyrics and the blues. This is a place for fans of Blues Traveler to congregate, trade info and talk. They'll find lots of images, interviews, lyrics and a long FAQ.

Webmaster: Stargate Industries, Inc.

★★★★

THE CRANBERRIES—OFFICIAL UNOFFICIAL HOME PAGE

<http://www.meer.net/cranberries/>

A stunning amount of information on this relatively young Irish band known for hits such as "Zombie" and "Dreams." There are a great many images of the band and especially of lead singer Dolores O'Riordan. Discography and bibliography information details albums, bootlegs, videos, books, and a CD-ROM about the cranberries. Guitar tabs, lyrics and tour information are also provided.

Webmaster: Francois Gibello

★★★★★

THE DROWNED HOLE PAGES

<http://www.albany.net/~rsmith/hole.html>

Pouty and pretty with an angry nod to the ugliness in the world, both Courtney Love and the DrownSDa page display a disconcerting blend of little-kid innocence and all-too-grown-up rottenness. This site has a meticulous collection of Hole's material and history, including a huge discography of legit albums, bootleg audio and video, songs Hole has covered, and tour dates and reviews. There are also many pictures of Hole, so you can get a load of the girl with the most cake and all her friends.

Webmaster: Ralf Smith

★★★★★

EAGLES HOME PAGE

<http://www.coc.powell-river.bc.ca/eagles/eagles.html>

A massive page chronicling the 24-year history of the Eagles. There is a history of the band as a whole as well as personal bios on each band member. Lyrics to every song, guitar tabs and sound files are available to those wishing to reproduce the experience of listening to the Eagles. The *Hell Freezes Over* tour is reviewed and discussed. Very heavy graphics.

Webmaster: Powell River Chamber of Commerce, British Columbia, Canada

★★★★

PETER GABRIEL—AND THROUGH THE WIRE

<http://www.cs.clemson.edu/~junderw/pg.html>

Tailor-made for the serious Gabriel fan who wants to dig deeper into the music. In addition to the usual discography, FAQ, images and sounds, it features bootleg information, trading requests, rare songs, chords and information on a futuristic theme park that he has planned with Laurie Anderson.

Webmaster: John N. Underwood

★★★★★

THE OFFICIAL JIMI HENDRIX HOME PAGE

<http://wavenet.com/~jhendrix/>

Crossroads for everything related to Jimi, with emphasis as a composer/virtuoso. Emphasizes the beauty and mystery of Jimi's persona.

Webmaster: The Jimi Hendrix Foundation in association with Only Multimedia, Inc./The Wavenet

★★★

HYPERREAL

<http://hyperreal.com/>

Hyperreal's mission is "to give a home to alternative culture, music and expression." The site celebrates the rave as a peaceful,

shamanistic, loving way for youth to express themselves. There are archives here on both the logistics and the spirit of raving.

Webmaster: Hyperreal Staff

★★★

KARAOKE HOME PAGE

<http://www.teleport.com/~labrat/karaoke.htm>

Everything you need to get started singing along with your computer. Download the software (both free and shareware) and MIDI files necessary to be a diva in the privacy of your own den. All kinds of ballads and show tunes; you'll be belting out *Can You Feel the Love Tonight* before you know it.

Webmaster: Labrat

★★★★★

KMFDM

<http://www.kmfmd.com/>

So what does KMFDM stand for anyway? Hint: It probably isn't what you think. But you'll have to check out this brash site to know for sure. It promotes the German industrial band's *Beat by Beat* Tour, and lists a discography, images and e-mail address. The best part is the tour diary, with weird anecdotes from the road and candid photos of the guys at play.

Webmaster: Sonic Net

★★★

JOHN LENNON

<http://www.missouri.edu/~c588349/john-page.html>

The webmaster of this page has scoured to get hard-to-find material on John and done a fantastic job. You'll find Quicktime movies of rare performances and personal moments. Sound files include the song that was originally intended to be the Beatles' first single, John's apology concerning the misunderstood "more popular than Jesus" comment, a poetry reading and a song by the Quarry Men, John's first band. Much of John's simple, innocent artwork is presented, as well as photographs of the celebrated musician through the many stages of his life.

Webmaster: Sam Choukri

★★★★★

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BOB MARLEY

<http://www.netaxs.com/~aaron/Marley/Marley.html>

"This page is an ongoing celebration of Bob Marley's birthday, life and accomplishments. He was a man who brought his message of one love and unity to many people. Those who carry his memory on to many people will continue to do so as long as there are those who carry his memory on." Messages of peace and love through reggae music. Produced in cooperation

with Marley's friends and family.

Webmaster: lvet

★★★★★

NEW POWER NETWORK

<http://www.coc.powell-river.bc.ca>

Discussion of the "Minneapolis Genius," the artist formerly known as Prince, and now denoted in ASCII as "O(+>". "This is more than a 'shrine'. It is a place for us fans to share observations and creativity, and a place for casual observers to ask questions about a man whose musical talent and personal uniqueness grants him a special place in our culture and in history. In short, the NPN is as much a dynamic online community and up-to-the-minute fanzine as it is an electronic paisley encyclopedia."

Webmaster: New Power Network

★★★

"Grey would be
the color, if I
had a heart."

//from The Unofficial
Nine Inch Nails Home Page

THE UNOFFICIAL

NINE INCH NAILS HOME PAGE

<http://ibms15.scri.fsu.edu/~patters/nin.html>

This site is image-heavy, but worth it; the graphics add to the murky, haunted feel and complement the subject, the band Nine Inch Nails. You will find "sensory stimuli" (releases, images and sounds) as well as an FAQ, list of interviews, lyrics, guitar tabs and tour dates.

Webmaster: Jason Patterson

★★★★★

SINEAD O'CONNOR HOME PAGE

<http://www.engr.ukans.edu/~jrusell/music/sinead/sinead.html>

Dedicated to the music of Sinéad O'Connor, the opinionated Irish vocalist with a voice that alternates between piercing accusation and throaty murmurs on songs such as "Nothing Compares 2 U." This page covers her forays into ballads and her newest album, while providing images, lyrics, interviews and poems written by her.

Webmaster: Jeff Russell

★★★★★

Weird Science

**From the safety of your rumpus room,
visit another world...or speculate
on who might be visiting ours.
May the Force be with you!**

2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY

<http://www.lehigh.edu/~pjl2/2001.html>
Astronauts, HAL and the monolith.

HOW TO BUILD A FLYING SAUCER

[gopher://wiretap.spies.com/
oo/Library/Fringe/Ufo/build.ufo](http://gopher://wiretap.spies.com/oo/Library/Fringe/Ufo/build.ufo)
If you're going to make an alien, he's
going to need a saucer.

THE KLINGON LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

<http://www.kli.org/>
Forget about French, appropriate the
power of Klingon.

LOST IN SPACE

[http://vader.mgmt.purdue.edu/vader/
lost_in_space/lost_in_space.html](http://vader.mgmt.purdue.edu/vader/lost_in_space/lost_in_space.html)
Even includes a directory to the evil
Dr. Smith's insults!

MYSTERY SCIENCE THEATER 3000

<http://cybercom.net/~fringe/mst3k.html>
Heckling bad sci-fi films with the help
of some makeshift robots.

NERDWORLD

[http://challenge.tiac.net/
users/dstein/rw140.html](http://challenge.tiac.net/users/dstein/rw140.html)
Guide to UFOs and sci-fi stuff.

QUANTUM LEAP INFORMATION PAGE

[http://lumchan.ifa.hawaii.
edu/ql/ql.html](http://lumchan.ifa.hawaii.edu/ql/ql.html)
Fan page of the improbable TV show.

STAR TREK ARCHIVE

[http://www.ee.umanitoba.
ca/~djc/startrek/](http://www.ee.umanitoba.ca/~djc/startrek/)
Obsessive and awesome compilation of
Star Trek ship schematics, subspace
physics and reference guides.

THE BAD GUIDE TO STAR WARS

[http://www.hyperion.
com/lurk/lurker.html](http://www.hyperion.com/lurk/lurker.html)
Roadmap to bloop and blunders in the
Star Wars trilogy.

THE TWILIGHT ZONE EPISODE GUIDE

[http://www.twilight.
com/twilight-zone/guide](http://www.twilight.com/twilight-zone/guide)
Ranked and reviewed episode guide to
the quirky, classic TV series.

UFO BOOKS—

THE SERIOUS LITERATURE

[http://ernie.bgsu.edu/
~jzawodn/ufo/ufo-books.html](http://ernie.bgsu.edu/~jzawodn/ufo/ufo-books.html)
Extensive bibliography of academic
works on UFOs.

THE UFO GUIDE

[http://www.rahul.net/
rogerd/ufo/guide.html](http://www.rahul.net/rogerd/ufo/guide.html)
Compilation of common UFO terminol-
ogy and short detailed explanations of
specific cases.

UFOS FROM BLUE BOOK

[gopher://wiretap.spies.com/oo/
Library/Fringe/Ufo/bluebook.txt](http://gopher://wiretap.spies.com/oo/Library/Fringe/Ufo/bluebook.txt)
Yikes! Unexplained cases from Project
Blue Book.

ULTIMATE SCI-FI LINKS

[http://www.abdn.ac.uk/
~uoirpr/sci-fi.html](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/~uoirpr/sci-fi.html)
More than 50 links to sites ranging
from *Alien Nation* to *Dr. Who* to The
Gates McFadden Page.

THE X-FILES: A SERIOUS LOOK

[http://mirror.www.com/mirror/
atlantis/millpop/95/x-files.htm](http://mirror.www.com/mirror/atlantis/millpop/95/x-files.htm)
One man's personal take on the
subversive TV show.

ON THE ROAD: TOUR DATES

<http://www.webb.com/concrete/td.html>
Tour dates for Foo Fighters, Seaweed, Poster Children, The Jim Rose Circus Sideshow and many more. A general clearinghouse for alternative tour dates.

Webmaster: CONCRETE MARKETING, Inc.

★★★

P.J. HARVEY

<http://www.louisville.edu/~jadour01/pjh/>
P.J. Harvey is an intelligent British artist with a diverse style and a sullen look. There's a random lyric and image server here for some unexpected fun, as well as interviews, reviews, a discography, a mailing list, lyrics, chords and tabs so you can play along at home.

Webmaster: Jason A. Dour

★★★

HENRY ROLLINS STUFF

<http://www.st.nepean.uws.edu.au/~alf/rollins>

Everything about the man who sings, "Cos I'm a liar," and his bands through the years is here. A full discography, plenty of images, interview copy, Rollins' own poetry and album reviews. The page also documents Rollins' writing, acting and spoken-word performances, 'cause he's more than just a pretty frontman. Oh, go eat your little hearts out.

Webmaster: Andrew Leahy

★★★

SEAL—FUTURE LOVE PARADISE

<http://pantheon.cis.yale.edu/~ariadels/seal.html>

Future Love Paradise is a place for Seal fans to download a Mac screen saver of Seal as well as transcripts of his online chats. The Image Oasis features scanned and hand-drawn images of the musician. The FAQ talks about his height, personality, use of the 'net, facial scars and the meaning of his tender songs. The Seal'ography lists his works, most of which deal with the theme of searching. Exact lyrics are supplied by the meticulous and passionate webmaster.

Webmaster: Ari Edelson

★★★

SMASHING PUMPKINS

<http://users.aol.com/geoff8581/pumpkins.html>

Here you'll find info on the Pumpkins' newest albums, complete with sound clips. You'll also find lyrics, a discography, images of the band members and sound files. Very straightforward and cool.

Webmaster: Geoff Eisler

★★★

SUBPOP WOMPUS HUNT

<http://www.subpop.com/>

The record label of Supersuckers, Velocity Girl, Codeine and, of course, the old Nirvana, has a totally cool site with their total discography, their MegaMart catalog, tour dates, press releases and booking info.

Webmaster: subpop records

★★★

FRANCEY'S TALKING HEADS HOME PAGE

<http://www.bart.nl/~francey/th.html>

"And you may find yourself...." at this beautiful site devoted to the music of the band Talking Heads. It has a great artsy look and some of the most in-depth detailing of discography, lyrics, circumstance and production that I've ever seen. Francey's packed in some interviews and sound files for a great browsing experience with a funky, intelligent band.

Webmaster: francey@bart.nl

★★★

THEY MIGHT BE GIANTS WORLD WIDE WEB PAGE

<http://www.dnai.com/~obo/tmbg/>

Profiled here is the quirky, intelligent music of Brooklyn's Ambassadors of Love, the band known as They Might Be Giants. Download audio files, look at the FAQ, get on the mailing list and newsgroup, look at lyrics and images and just generally revel in all that is John-ness.

Webmaster: Web-Fur Internet Enterprises

★★★★★

THE ULTIMATE BAND LIST

<http://american.recordings.com/wwwofmusic/ub/ubl.html>

This is a great resource for music info on the 'net, with good execution. Every band is given a "card," which is continually updated with every possible link to the band. You can simply make a link to a band's card, and let this site do the work of keeping up with net-references to them. Also available are digitized songs, lyrics, FAQs and more.

Webmaster: Creative Internet Designs

★★★★★

TOM WAITS DIGEST

<http://www.nwu.edu/waits/>

The prolific artist is profiled at this thoughtful site, which includes creative endeavors such as his albums, singles, film appearances as well as the books and articles that have used him as a subject. Fans trade opinions of lyrics, tell tales of Waits sightings, discuss his influences and pore over the lyrics dictionary.

Webmaster: Seth Nielsen

★★★★★

celebrities

THE I LOVE SANDRA BULLOCK PAGES

http://www.webcom.com/~alsplace/sandra_bullock/sandra_main.html
Trying to get 20th-century jargon down right in *Demolition Man*. Driving the bus of disaster in *Speed*. Hunting down (bogus) IP addresses in *The Net*. Sandra Bullock is the darling of our moviegoing public lately, due to her fresh style and charming manner. This page documents all of her screen appearances, mentions in print and her biography. Images, too.
Webmaster: Alex Alegado
★★★★

GEORGE CARLIN—THE UNOFFICIAL FAN PAGE

http://www.wam.umd.edu/~wrongway/g_carlin.htm
A fan page dedicated to the endearingly foul-mouthed stand-up comedian George Carlin. Loads of audio clips are presented to spread the word about George's humor. Also find images of Carlin as Rufus in *Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure*.
Webmaster: Gianpaolo Antonio Baglione
★★★

CELEBRITY ADDRESSES

<http://www.islandnet.com/~luree/fanmail.html>
A page that instructs you on how to get in

touch with your favorite celebs. Vocations range from acting to singing to politics to magic. E-mail addresses are rare; most links are to fan pages with snail mail information.
Webmaster: The Unknown Psychic
★★

CLAIRE DANES

<http://witherspoon.umkc.edu/~dogbert/claire.html>
A page honoring the red-headed teen star of the defunct but critically acclaimed *My So-Called Life* as well as such films as *Little Women*. There are many images of the 16-year-old actress as well as biographical information and a filmography. Most obsessive is a 15-Meg QuickTime movie of Claire dancing to the Violent Femmes. That's a lotta bandwidth for one obsession.
Webmaster: Dennis Nedblake
★★★★

JODIE FOSTER

<http://weber.u.washington.edu/~jnorton/jodie/jodie.html>
For fans from *Freaky Friday* to *Taxi Driver* to *Nell*, here are many images of Ms. Foster, including her filmography, list of awards, interesting trivia and the script for *Silence of the Lambs*.
Webmaster: James Norton
★★★

THESE ARE A FEW OF OUR FAVORITE THINGS

Culled from the collective hotlist of the IU staffers,
ranging from the understated to the undiscovered to JUST PLAIN COOL.

1) The Marilyn Pages

<http://ionet.net:80/~jellenc/marilyn.html>
Exceptionally well-done pages on the troubled life of this American icon.

2) The Atomic Bomb WWW Museum

<http://www.csi.ad.jp/ABOMB/index.html>
Haunting personal narrative on the atomic bombing of Japan.

3) How to Make an Alien

<http://www.cinenet.net/trudang/autopsy.html>
A Hollywood special effects expert's opinions on the controversial Roswell alien autopsy footage.

4) The Evan Strikes Back

<http://www.cs.utk.edu:80/~ereynold/cgi-bin/sw.html>
Good-natured obsession with the *Star Wars* trilogy.

5) Two-Minute Warning

<http://www.dtd.com/tmw/tmw.cgi>
Addictive online football trivia game.

6) The Unofficial Brady Home Page/ Encyclopedia of Brady

<http://www.teleport.com/~btucker/bradys.htm>
<http://www.primer.net/~dbrady>
Amazing, fact-filled salutes to America's favorite fantasy family.

7) Crunch, The Cereal Box Hall of Fame

<http://www.ice.net/~crunch/>
Cereal packaging elevated to high art.

8) Internet Underground Music Archives

<http://www.iuma.com>
Alternative bands abound at this popular site.

9) NUKE

<http://www.nuke.com/index.html>
Gaming, movies, comics & other modern diversions.

10) The Salvador Dali Museum

<http://www.highwayone.com/dali/daliweb.html>
An impressive museum displaying Dali's surreal art.

THE COMPLETELY UNAUTHORIZED HUGH GRANT PAGE

<http://ucsub.colorado.edu/~kritzber/new/hugh/hugh.html>

This is funny, if you get your laughs at someone else's expense. But that boyish Brit should know how to take a joke by now. Check out the spontaneous commentary by the site's maintainer.

Webmaster: Blake Kritzberg

★★★

GALLERY OF KENNEDY

<http://www.well.com/user/xkot/kennedy.htm>

Some people find her smart and witty, others swear she's obnoxious. Kennedy's the drollest VJ on MTV, and this is one man's tribute to the spectacle-wearing hostess of *Alternative Nation*. Only a few pics, but they're great quality, especially the nude pic of her riding a donkey. The page is designed very well.

Webmaster: Scott Erickson, a.k.a Xkot

★★★★

MADONNA ON LATE NIGHT WITH DAVID LETTERMAN

<ftp://ftp.mcs.net/mcsnet.users/barnhart/letterman/madonna-interview.txt>

It's all here, folks...the words that were bleeped, the cigar chomping, the weird flirting, the non sequiturs and, of course, the bit about peeing in the shower to ward off athlete's foot. Textual.

Webmaster: Aaron Barnhart

★★

THE MEG RYAN PAGE

<http://web.cs.ualberta.ca/~davidw/MegRyan/meg.cgi>

~davidw/MegRyan/meg.cgi

She's been called "America's sweetheart" for her roles in romantic comedies, but Meg Ryan is an actress with more substance than that. Or so these Meg Ryan enthusiasts claim. This site has tons of debate and worship and gives a new meaning to the word "fanatical."

Webmaster: David R. Woloschuk

★★★

THE O.J. SIMPSON TRIAL COURT TRANSCRIPTS

<http://www.islandnet.com/~walraven/simpson.html>

~walraven/simpson.html

Textual transcripts of many court documents including O.J.'s statement to the LAPD, interviews with dismissed jurors, coroners' reports, court transcripts, DNA evidence, the civil suits and a letter from Nicole seeking reconciliation. A good way to review the riveting case especially in light of the controversial verdict.

Webmaster: Jack Walraven

★★★★★

PEE-WEE HERMAN WORSHIP PAGE

<http://www.seanet.com/Users/weazel/peewee.html>

The site's creator opines, "Paul Reubens is God." I know you are, but what am I?

Webmaster: Beth Wapelhorst

★★★

SCANDALS

OF THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION

<http://www.grapevinenews.com/swsr/whitewat/scandal.html>

The stories that you don't read in your hometown paper. There are questions, allegations and suppositions about Clinton's involvement in Whitewater, sexual scandal and draft-dodging. No matter what your political affiliation, this site is a great example of the First Amendment in action.

Webmaster: Grapevine Web Services

★★★★

"Insecure people,"

she says, wrinkling

her nose, "don't

fry my burger."

//From Winona Ryder Home Page

TEMPLE OF JIM CARREY

<http://metro.turnpike.net/Lloyd/tojc.htm>

Fans of the rubber-faced star of *Ace Ventura* and *Dumb and Dumber* can download goofy pictures and silly sound files. For the kid in ya.

Webmaster: Peter W. Robinson

★★★

WINONA RYDER

<http://www.duc.auburn.edu/~harshec/WWW/Winona.html>

~harshec/WWW/Winona.html

An amazing site that treats its subject with respect, and has an enormous library of articles, sound files and images pertaining to her. It's beautifully designed, and there's no better way to spend some time than listening to the incomparable Winona hiss, "It is one thing to want somebody out of your life...it is another thing to serve them a wake-up cup full of liquid Drano."

Webmaster: Eric Harshbarger

★★★★★

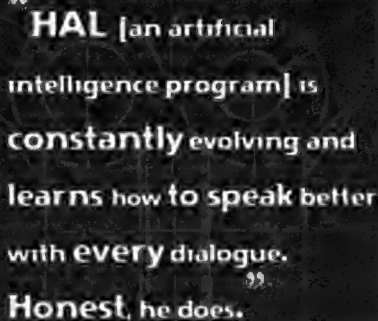
THE COMPUTER PRICE CRUNCHER

<http://www.killerapp.com/>

This site has but one goal: to get you the lowest price on a computer. Punch in the specs you want, and it will grind away and spit out the lowest price in its database. The interface is quirky and funny as well as useful. As of press time, the site was only regional, but was planning to add mail-order service.

Webmaster: crunch@killerapp.com

★★★★



HAL [an artificial
intelligence program] is
constantly evolving and
learns how to speak better
with every dialogue.
Honest, he does.

///about Talk to MegaHAL Home Page

DOOMGATE

<http://doomgate.cs.buffalo.edu/>

Your library for the wildly popular shoot-'em-up game. DOOM FAQs, new wads, playing tips and more. Go berserker.

Webmaster: Piotr Kapiszewski and Steve Young

★★★★

INTERNET FONT ARCHIVES

<http://jasper.ora.com/comp.fonts/Internet-Font-Archive/index.html>

"...Rather than trying to mirror the font archives on the Net, the IFA is a database of fonts utilizing the hypertext functionality of the WWW to point to other archive sites. The database contains information about each font and a thumbnail sketch of a few characters. In addition to fonts available on the Net, the IFA database now includes fonts from several commercial foundries and type CDs."

Webmaster: Norman Walsh

★★★★★

QUICKTIME CONTINUUM

<http://quicktime.apple.com>

Information on the popular Quicktime digital movie player. Download the latest software,

including the VR Player, and get developer information and FAQs on Apple's line of audiovisual products.

Webmaster: Apple Computer, Inc.

★★★★★

TALK TO MEGAHAL

<http://ciips.ee.uwa.edu.au/~hutch/Hal.html>

This page features an Artificial Intelligence program named HAL, which was written by an information technology student. HAL is constantly evolving and learns how to speak better with every dialogue. Honest, he does. But sometimes, HAL makes unintentionally hilarious statements.

Webmaster: Jason Hutchens

★★★★

THE SUPER DUPER LIST OF SOFTWARE EASTER EGGS

<http://weber.u.washington.edu/~davidnf/egg.html>

Tips to access the silly little tricks programmers hide in software. Easter eggs for every OS and many major programs, plus the chance to submit any you've found. Those quirky programmers like to get their names in the weirdest places!

Webmaster: David Nagy-Farkas

★★★

UNIXHELP FOR USERS

http://unixhelp.ed.ac.uk/TOP_.html

UNIX can be daunting at the outset. The commands are not even close to English, and even if you know how to use the online manuals, you often don't know what to start looking under. This site explains many aspects of UNIX in simple language. You will learn about shell scripts, e-mail, managing processes, commands and file transfers. An immensely useful resource for anyone with an unfathomable shell account.

Webmaster: unixhelp@ed.ac.uk

★★★★★

THE WELL-CONNECTED MAC

<http://www.macfaq.com/faq/Macintosh.html>

One devoted man's guide to everything relating to that other OS. There are FAQs from many Mac newsgroups, a catalog of all Mac software available on the 'net, contact information for vendors, a trade-show calendar, Mac links, online periodicals, a search engine and more. Textual at press time, but images are promised. This gets my highest recommendation due to its depth and breadth.

Webmaster: Elliott Harold

★★★★★

WOODY ALLEN PAGE

<http://www.idt.unit.no/~torp/woody/>
Information about the sweetly neurotic film-maker and his career. There is a bibliography and a detailed filmography that lists cast, famous quotes, awards won and more. In some cases, there are audio clips of Woody himself and music used in the films.
Webmaster: Anders Herman Torp

★★★

BACK TO THE FUTURE

<http://grove.ufl.edu/~locutus/Bttf/bttf.html>
"He was never in time for his classes...He wasn't in time for his dinner...Then one day...he wasn't in his time at all." This site is fan sponsored and it's truly a labor of love. Relive the pre-Life with Mikey days of Michael J. Fox. There are all kinds of images, credits and special-effects trivia from all three of these excellent, interwoven Zemeckis films.
Webmaster: locutus@grove.ufl.edu

★★★

COEN BROTHERS' HOME PAGE

<http://lasarto.cnde.iastate.edu/Movies/CultShop/Movies/coen.html>
These brilliant brothers have made highly styl-

ized films such as *The Hudsucker Proxy* and *Raising Arizona*. This page celebrates the Coen style with stills from the films as well as reviews culled from the Internet and trivia about the movies.

Webmaster: The Cult Shop

★★★

FILM REVIEWS

<http://www.inform.umd.edu:8080/EdRes/Topic/WomensStudies/FilmReviews>
These film reviews have a drastically different perspective from the typical "thumbs up" summaries that you see on television. Written by feminist scholars, these reviews are thoughtful and intelligent. Most films reviewed are artsy, although some mainstream productions are included. Mostly textual.

Webmaster: University of Maryland at College Park Women's Studies Department

★★★

ALFRED HITCHCOCK'S WWW

<http://nextdch.mty.itesm.mx/~plopezg/Kaplan/Hitchcock.html>
"Here we have a quiet little motel tucked away off the main highway..." The Master of Suspense is profiled at this creepy little site. You can check out his every cameo, famous

Where the WEIRD things are!

A motley collection of oddities that we found enchanting, revolting or just outright bizarre.

The Nipple Server

<http://www.thoughtport.com/spinnwebe/nipple.html>
A daily glimpse of one guy's left nipple.

Debbies Do the Web

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/~darmstro/deb/dec.html>
Looking at the Web through the unlikely filter of the name "Debbie."

The Stephen Kings' Page

<http://www.isisw3.com/sking/>
A group of young men suffering from Famous Name Syndrome.

Stephen Turner's Coldlist

<http://www.statslab.cam.ac.uk/srett/coldlist.html>
Links of very little interest to anybody.

Church of Euthanasia

<http://www.paranolia.com/coe>
Save the Planet—Kill Yourself.

Snow Globe of the Month

<http://www.webcom.com/~foxstu/snow.html>
The inexplicable beauty of...snow globes.

Shamanistic Healing Energies on the Internet

<http://www.prgone.com/bus/dpedro/>
Don Pedro says to put your hand on your monitor and feel those golden vibes.

Wacky Patent of the Month

<http://colitz.com/site/wacky.htm>
Not everything can be the light bulb, combustion engine or even the Flowbee.

Non-Mattel Plastic Princess

<http://d.armory.com/~zenugirl/gaybilly.html>
Billy, the first Out and Proud Gay Doll. Comes with 12 stunning outfits.

The Shrine of Bazooka Joe

<http://www.ugcs.caltech.edu/~joe/bazooka.html/>
Literary deconstruction of the comic America's been finding in bubble gum wrappers for decades.

The Internet Crime Archives

<http://underground.net/Art/>
Cheerfully rabid coverage of mass murderers and serial killers.

quotes and his entire filmography including *Psycho*, *Rear Window*, *The Man Who Knew Too Much* and *North by Northwest*.

Webmaster: Patricio López Guzmán

★★★★

THE JAMES BOND MOVIE PAGE

<http://www.dur.ac.uk/~dcs3pjb/bjhome.html>

You know the name. You know the number. He's the world's most famous secret agent, and he's licensed to kill. Get the FAQ. Then get the GIFs, the movie clips, the bibliography and the sound files. There is even space given to ancillary Bond topics such as his autos and toy replicas of his gun.

★★★★

"PEECHY KEEN"—YOUR DAVID LYNCH RESOURCE

<http://web.city.ac.uk/~cb157/Dave.html>

Loads of info on quirky director David Lynch, the man responsible for *Twin Peaks* and *Eraserhead*. Study the script for *Fire Walk With Me*, biographies of the *Twin Peaks* actors and interviews. Die-hard Lynch fans can test their mettle with the "brain-teasing quiz" and meet in a discussion area to chat.

Webmaster: Kirk Bowe

★★★★

PULP FICTION

<http://www.kean.edu/~lisajoy/PulpFiction>

Both local and non-local links showcase the four compelling stories of *Pulp Fiction* through inline images, sounds (such as "Royale with cheese"), intersections between various

Tarantino films, the gold watch speech and, best of all, the script in its entirety.

Webmaster: lisajoy@turbo.kean.edu

★★★★

THE MOVIE CRITIC

<http://www.moviecritic.com/>

After asking you to rate a series of films, the Movie Critic takes over and suggests films that would be in keeping with your stated preferences. We tried it out and found it pretty much on the mark.

Webmaster: NEONICS, Inc.

★★★★★

THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW

<http://www.uta.fi/~cstivi/rocky.html>

Everything you need for a night out at this cult film. There's a prop list, audience participation script, plus sounds and images to inspire you. You just might find yourself belting out *Let's Do the Time Warp Again*.

Webmaster: Timo Viikari

★★

WAYNE MANOR

<http://www.books.com/batman/batman1.htm>

An appropriately dark and brooding Batman site, housed in a virtual stately Wayne Manor. Visit the conservatory to download the original *Batman* theme song. The gallery holds a huge selection of GIFs from the movies, and the library showcases various Batman-related publications. The kicker is a tricky trivia test.

Webmaster: Mike Wallace

★★★★

<http://www.teleport.com/~ddickey/>
The author waxes poetically about flying through the stars...better off he worked on making his page fly.

<http://rvik.ismennt.is/~pallher/svengli.html>
Get to know someone from Iceland besides Bjork.

<http://www.unt.edu/~mjordan/>
The University of Texas student, not the Chicago Bull. Just so there's no confusion.

<http://www.fish.washington.edu/people/samiam/Miller.html>
Features the resume of a young woman seeking a job in fisheries research. Yes, that's right, fisheries research.

<http://www.geopages.com/SunsetStrip/1328/>
He claims to be from Beverly Hills, but further investigation reveals he's really from Belgium. Do you think he likes waffles?

from
HELL

“HOME
pages

Conceived in hope, executed in haste.
These pages are weird, self-indulgent
and often just plain obnoxious.

ABC RADIONET

<http://abcradio.ccabc.com/main.htm>

This site was in beta at press time, but promises to feature real-time updates from famous news stories using RealAudio as well as hourly reports on traffic, sports and weather from America's major cities.

Webmaster: ABC Radio Networks, Inc.

★★★★★

*"This patented
opinion ~ predictor
has truly excellent
taste ~ yours!"*

//from The Movie Critic

AD AGE—DAILY DEADLINE

<http://www.adage.com/Deadline/>

News from the world of advertising, covering such specialty topics as interactive media acquisitions, digital cash, ad awards, polling results, market research and 'net advertising.

Webmaster: Crain Communications, Inc.

★★★

CAMPAIGN '96

<http://www.ipt.com/vote/>

Current events detailing the 1996 presidential campaign. Research the candidates at their individual sites, or learn about different parties through pages such as the Left Side of the Web or Libertarian resources. Try Virtual Voting to give you an idea of what might come to pass in real life.

Webmaster: Internet Publishing Technologies

★★★★

CNN—U.S. NEWS

<http://www.cnn.com>

An excellent counterpart to CNN's television coverage, often with more textual detail than is presented live. With extensive graphics and supporting materials.

Webmaster: Cable News Network, Inc.

★★★★★

KNIGHT-RIDDER FINANCIAL NEWS

<http://www.asia-inc.com/knight/index.html>

This is for the hard-core stock-market voyeur

or investor. Regularly updated market prices from London, Tokyo, Hong Kong and more along with commentary explaining the day's fluctuations, be it due to heavy trading, political controversy or a falling currency value.

Webmaster: Asia Inc. Online

★★★

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

<http://www.nine.org/notw/notw.html>

News of the Weird is a weekly syndicated column by Chuck Shepherd containing synopses of bizarre news stories. If you keep up with this, you'll always have crazy real-news stories to tell at parties.

Webmaster: notw@nine.org

★★

NEWSPAGE

<http://www.newspage.com/>

This electronic newspaper sorts news from 500 information sources and features 25,000 pages that are refreshed daily. It has an edge over traditional newspapers in its in-depth coverage of consumer electronics, computer hardware and software, interactive media, telecommunications and semiconductors in addition to traditional news stories.

Webmaster: Individual, Inc.

★★★★★

REUTERS ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

[http://www.yahoo.com/](http://www.yahoo.com/headlines/current/entertainment)

headlines/current/entertainment

Short takes on the daily news in the world of entertainment. The flavor runs toward celebrity crime, attendance at charity events, press releases, gossip and rankings of the popularity of bands. All textual.

Webmaster: Reuters

★★★

USA TODAY

<http://www.usatoday.com/>

A good online companion to the national newspaper. The best feature is regularly updated news stories that keep you up-to-the-hour with full text and nice large graphics.

Webmaster: USA Today

★★★★★

WALL STREET JOURNAL ON THE WEB

<http://www.wsj.com/>

A teaser for the real-world version of the *Wall Street Journal*. The site features daily headlines, investing news, a technology column and sales pitches for the classroom and customized versions of the newspaper. We found it rather sparse.

Webmaster: Dow Jones and Company, Inc.

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<http://www.nuke.com>tm

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AIR TRAVELER'S HANDBOOK

<http://www.cis.ohio-state.edu/hypertext/faq/usenet/travel/air/handbook/top.html>
Useful tips for air travelers. Find out how to get cheap fares as a courier, finagle free upgrades to first class, arrange for tastier airline food, utilize sympathy fares, where the best seats in the plane are located and why it is unwise to buy someone else's nonrefundable ticket. This document is very long and textual, but well organized.

Webmaster: Mark Kantrowitz

★★★★★

THE ALASKAN CENTER

<http://alaskan.com:80/>
Information about the Alaskan people, culture, history and happenings plus community profiles and scenic attractions to help you plan a visit to the scenic state. You can also compare rates online with no obligation.

Webmaster: Lynn Moore

★★★

CIA WORLD FACTBOOK

<http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/95fact/index.html>
Our tax dollars and spying ways helped compile this academic atlas to all the regions of the world. Find information on local industry, natural resources, political upheaval, religion, literacy, climate and terrain from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe.

Webmaster: Central Intelligence Agency

★★★★★

CLUB MED HOME PAGE

<http://www.clubmed.com/cm/pages/homepage>
Info on Club Med's 24 luxury resorts located throughout Mexico, the United States and the Caribbean. You can look at pictures of each relaxing paradise, research their amenities and even make reservations online. A summary of each locale describes the demographics and suggests whether that particular resort is best for couples, singles or families.

Webmaster: The NetMarket Company

★★★

THE GLOBAL NETWORK NAVIGATOR/ KOBLAS CURRENCY CONVERTER

<http://bin.gnn.com/cgi-bin/gnn/currency/>
Using the Koblas Currency Converter is very simple. Scores of currencies are presented relative to the U.S. dollar. If you want to use a different currency as the base currency, you simply click on it and the page updates with the adjusted exchange rates and context.

Webmaster: David Koblas

★★★

THE INTERNET GUIDE TO HOSTELLING

<http://www.hostels.com/hostels/>
The online version of The Worldwide Hostel Guide claims to be the largest resource on the 'net for hostel listings. The laid-back, budget-conscious traveler will find a guide to budget guidebooks, listings of new hostel openings, news about discounts and classified ads to hook up with travel-mates, find e-mail pals and sell travel equipment. Readers submit their own horror stories and heroics relating to the wild and woolly life of travel on the edge.

Webmaster: Darren Overby

★★★

THE PARIS PAGES

<http://www.paris.org/>
Admittedly, there's no directions to punk clubs in Paris (a pity) as this site seems directed to Francophiles enamored by museums, Chanel and city monuments. But it's a great, practical site if you're thinking about visiting the City of Light with utilitarian elements such as maps to the ever-efficient Metro and city bus systems.

Webmaster: Norman Barth

★★★★

SHOESTRING TRAVEL E-ZINE

<http://turnpike.net/metro/eadler/index.html>
Invaluable tips on how to travel on a lean budget. You'll learn what to eat in a French café, where to crash for a night in New York, how to travel inexpensively to Germany and what a trip on a Green Tortoise tour bus is really like. Readers are invited to submit their own cheap travel pointers.

Webmaster: eadler@mymail.com

★★★★

TRAVELGRAM

<http://www.csn.net/~johnhart/tfb.html>
A nifty little newsletter published every Friday which details the latest in travel news and bargains. Find out the freshest news about airline rate deals, natural disasters, specials on rental cars and route expansions.

Webmaster: John Hart and Hart Publishing

★★★

THE TOTAL YELLOWSTONE PAGE

<http://acs1.byu.edu/~uhlerjw/yellowstone.html>
A person who was awed by the beauty of Yellowstone National Park created this site to honor and document the park. There are trip diaries complete with photos of the bears and wolves sighted as well as park history, wildlife maps and a plea to preserve the land.

Webmaster: uhlerjw@yax.byu.edu

★★★★

AV WEB COLUMN

<http://macval.citi.doc.ca/>

Mostly information about the Web, with talk about shifting technology plus discussion about the politics, morality and content-driven aspects of Web publishing.

Webmaster: Alex Vasilescu

★★★

**"A new emergent
way of living, a
post-nerd,
technoglam fun
culture..."**

//from GSpot magazine

BABYFISH

http://www-personal.umich.edu/~babyfish/fishnet_toc.html

A Detroit-based 'zine with articles, music and

book reviews, Vegan recipes and running stories on the latest murders committed by Detroit police. A little funky, with odd takes on standard politics and links to the weird.

Webmaster: Craig Stuntz

★★★

BAD SUBJECTS

<http://english-server.hss.cmu.edu/BS/Bad.html>

Promoting radical thinking and public education about the political implications of everyday life, targeting everything and anything you can imagine.

Webmaster: Annalee Newitz

★★★

THE BLUE PENNY QUARTERLY

<http://www.comet.chv.va.us/epubs/>

We love this electronic journal of fine writing and art with ties to the literary small-press publishing world. Artfully designed with top-notch writing, easily one of the best 'zines on the 'net.

Webmaster: Metronetics Publications

★★★★★

BRIAN

<http://www.streams.com/brian/>

Stuff that interests Brian and that's a varied lot of stuff. On his site, you can read his poetry about how his life sucks, then enter your own comments about how yours sucks, too.

On the next page, he'll talk about beauty. Put together by a carpenter in Chicago.

Webmaster: Brian Murphy

★★★★

BUZZNET

<http://www.buzznet.com>

A smart modern mag with acidic graphics and cool features dealing with art, poetry, fashion and music. Surprising topics included soap-box derby racing and some brutally honest political commentary that wrenched our souls.

Webmaster: Alistair Jeffs

★★★★★

GRUENE STREET REVIEW

<http://ebbs.english.vt.edu/olp/gs/gruene.html>

Not the most graphically inviting magazine, but the content seems solid. Their premiere issue included poetry, fiction and political essays from writers around the country.

Webmaster: Matthew Franz

★★★

GRAY AREAS

<http://w3.gti.net/grayarea>

Gray Areas focuses on subject matter which is illegal, immoral and/or controversial. It examines the gray areas of life by exploring all points of view about the subjects it covers such as computer crimes, drugs, sex and intellectual property.

Webmasters: Netta Gilboa & Alan Shecker

★★★★★

GSPOT MAGAZINE

<http://www.hardnet.co.uk/gspot/index.html>

From the FAQ: "Gspot is a new-wave electronic lifestyle magazine. It covers a new emergent way of living, post-nerd, technoglam fun culture." This is a really bright British 'zine with snappy sections such as "women rewrite rock," "puke factor" and "happy fashion."

Webmaster: Hard Media

★★★★

HYPERIZONS HYPERTEXT FICTION

<http://www.duke.edu/~mshurnate/hyperfic.html>

A site dedicated to the new art of hypertext fiction and the new paths that are explored when the linear is abandoned and the ran-

dom-access embraced. There are links to quality original works, as well as scholarly criticism of this new form of literature.

Webmaster: Michael Shumate

★★★

INTERTEXT

<http://www.extext.org/Zines/InterText/>
A fiction magazine with a heavy bent toward science fiction, fantasy and horror, but doesn't seem limited to it. Solid writing, well-organized site. We liked the story about the biggest TV star being less alive than human beings (in the October issue). Supposedly set in the future, but it's so relevant to our current climate.

Webmaster: Jason Snell

★★★★

THE JOURNAL OF HARD RESPONSE

<http://tumpike.net/emporium/H/HR/index.htm>

A funny magazine for liberals who've had it up to HERE. Especially good are the local links, which feature liberal satire, columns and true stories with a dose of irony. It is stridently liberal, though, so don't link here if you aren't left-of-center. Textual.

Webmaster: jite@ix.netcom.com

★★★

KUDZU

<http://www.etext.org/Zines/Kudzu/>

A digital quarterly magazine dedicated to compiling the best in fiction, poetry and essays. We strive to present fresh and original works. We only wish it was bimonthly so it came out more often.

Editor: Steven Jarvis

★★★★

LATE SHOW NEWS

<http://www.mcs.net/~barnhart/>

Live from Chicago, it's the Late Show News, a witty weekly e-zine that covers the world of Dave, Jay, Conan and the rest of the late-night yucksters. Each "issue" is divided up into a main essay, late-breaking news and the week's line-ups and the critical commentary by editor Aaron Barnhart is usually right on the money.

Webmaster: Aaron Barnhart

★★★★

MELVIN

<http://www.melvin.com/>

Brilliant satire magazine. A blend of tabloid crassness with sarcasm and good humor, record reviews, funny polls and horoscopes. Heavy graphics but they are definitely worth the wait because they add to the humor.

Webmaster: New Media Publishing

★★★★★

THE MORPO REVIEW

<http://www.morpo.novia.net/morpo>
Innovative design coupled with unusual approach to not-your-usual suspect kind of subjects such as sonnets to Captain Kangaroo and a review of the existential context of Dr. Seuss' *Green Eggs and Ham* verse. Stories are typically both abundant and well-written.

Webmaster: Robert Fulkerson

★★★★★

THE OUTRAGEOUS ONLINE UNCLE AL

<http://www.adsint/freehand/uncleal/>
Uncle Al writes wild 'n' crazy essays about what he finds ridiculous with the world. Judging from the essay titles, he seems to be very wacky, until you actually read his sarcastic essays and realize that he's serious.

Webmaster: sswitzer@vv.com

★★★

THE TEXAS CHAINSAW MAGAZINE

<http://ccwf.cc.utexas.edu/~heretic/tcmag.html>

This 'zine RULES. It's rude and liberal and smashes stupidity. The writers are disgusted by the moron worship prevalent today and are especially mean to Newton and Rush.

Webmaster: Texas Chainsaw Productions

★★★★

TRAJECTORY

<http://www.loop.com/~mtdshuz>

Billed as the "lifestyle manual for the down-wardly mobile." It seeks to "collectively define how society will change" in times of social and economic upheaval. This thought-provoking and interactive 'zine insists that the reader develop and submit intelligent questions.

Webmaster: Robert Blackmon

★★★

UTNE LENS

<http://www.utne.com/>

Review the highlights of the month's *Utne Reader* and chat about the issues with other *Utne Lens* users. Users are invited to make mini-home pages and share them in a small virtual community of kindred spirits. A well-executed online counterpart to the mag.

Webmaster: *Utne Reader*

★★★★★

WORD

<http://www.word.com>

An incredible site that is so cool, languid and in-your-face. It has the hottest graphics and most offbeat themes. Wander through these clever stories told with original snippets of art.

Webmaster: ICon International, Inc.

★★★★★

Gentlemen, start **your** engines!

STARTING POINT

<http://www.stpt.com/>

"Starting Point is here to serve YOU. Our goal is to provide your single best starting point to explore high-quality Web content." This site is arranged by topic such as Weather, News, Sports, Entertainment and Shopping. As its name implies, Starting Point does not attempt to catalog the Web's vast resources, but rather serves as a good launch pad with sites of general interest.

WEBCRAWLER

<http://www.webcrawler.com>

The Webcrawler's strong suit is "lightning-fast web searches." The robot searches for any incidence of a word in all the text of a document and ranks results by relevance. This service is very fast and returns a great many sites.

YAHOO!

<http://www.yahoo.com>

Known by many names (but generally agreed to denote "Yet Another Hierarchically Organized Oracle") and pronounced with a yelp of glee, YAHOO! is one of the best-known catalogs of the Web. It is arranged in a hierarchical structure and works best for those who know what they are looking for.

WWW—THE WORLD WIDE WEB WORM

<http://www.cs.colorado.edu/home/mcbryan/wwwwww.html>

Voted Best Navigational Aid in the 1994 Best of the Web Contest, the WWW is a robot that searches hypertext citations, URLs, HTML titles and HTML addresses using different search criteria.

LYCOS

<http://lycos.cs.cmu.edu/>

Lycos is a superior search engine because of its patent-pending technology of "spiders," which proactively index the Web. Lycos claims to have indexed 91 percent of the Web, in comparison to its closest competitor, who has only referenced 12 percent. Lycos returns results in order of relevance and also gives some of the key words on the page so you get an idea of the context.

WHOLE INTERNET CATALOG

<http://gnn.com/gnn/wic/Support/about.rescat.html>

A small, high-quality, online library organized by subject. Has a weekly celebrity hotlist and Top 50 to guide you.

MAGELLAN

<http://www.mckinley.com/>

A combination listing of sites and search engine. The sites and newsgroups listed are reviewed, ranked and described by a team of "experts" at Magellan. Useful for finding quality sites.

ART CRIMES

http://www.gatech.edu/desoto/graf/Index.Art_Crimes.html
A gallery of graffiti art from cities around the world. The providers believe that graffiti should be recognized as a viable art form and given dedicated space. The site's goals are to provide cultural information and scholarly resources and to document the constantly disappearing works of the graffiti art movement.
Webmaster: Susan Farrell

★★★★

BANNED BOOKS ONLINE

<http://www.cs.cmu.edu/Web/People/spok/banned-books.html>
This page features books that have been the targets of censorship attacks. Some of the once-banned publications are quite surprising; they range from *Lysistrata* to *Little Red Riding Hood*, and from *Origin of Species* to the Bible. All texts are available online, through the miracle of conveniently expired copyrights.
Webmaster: spok@cs.cmu.edu

★★★★★

COCKROACH WORLD

<http://www.nj.com/yucky/roaches/index.html>
Billed as "the yuckiest site on the Internet," this educational site is certainly a gross-out. You'll learn about cockroach anatomy, innards and personal habits. The trivia is detailed and disgusting, but kids may like it and adults will learn how to foil the pests invading their homes.
Webmasters: New Jersey Online & Liberty Science Center

★★★

THE CONTACT PROJECT

<http://sunsite.unc.edu/lunar/alien.html>
This site poses the hypothetical question: Could we decipher an alien communication if we were to receive one? The Lunar Institute of Technology provides practice messages and challenges the 'net community to translate their meaning. It's a fascinating diversion, making the user consider how far we are from finding a common ground of communication.
Webmaster: Lunar Institute of Technology

★★★

THE COOL WORD OF THE DAY PAGE

http://www.dsu.edu/projects/word_of_day/word.html
A philologist's delight. They've got "twip," "chiascuro" and "saturnalia," just to mention a few. Bone up for the SATs or just drown in these lovely words.
Webmasters: Anthony Anderberg & Mike Bitz

★★★

DEATHNET

<http://www.islandnet.com/~deathnet/stargate.html>
Rare resources on every aspect of death and dying, presented with respect for all points of view. Discussion of euthanasia, dying with dignity, living wills and suicide.
Webmaster: rights@islandnest.com

★★★★★

THE DEBT CLOCK

<http://www.fusebox.com/debtclock/>
A take-off of the National Debt Clock in Times Square. Using push-pull technology, the numbers advance at the chilling pace of \$10,000 per second. The Debt Clock will put things into sharp perspective.
Webmaster: Fusebox.com

★★★★★

DOCUMENTATION AND DIAGRAMS OF THE ATOMIC BOMB

gopher://wiretap.spies.com:70/00/Library/Untech/atomic.bom
For the academically curious only. The user is warned that any layperson attempting to actually make an atom bomb would surely perish of radiation poisoning. Included is the bomb's history, highly technical methods of making and detonating such a weapon, measurements of blast radii and the resulting destruction, and the creators' feelings about their creation and the destruction it wrought.
Webmaster: wiretap.spies.com

★★★

FEMINIST MAJORITY FOUNDATION

<http://www.feminist.org/>
A site for feminist concerns. Updates on pending legislation and current events, domestic violence/sexual harassment hotlines, listing of women's centers at universities, feminist research, breast cancer information and Today's Urgent Action, which informs the viewer of an inequitable situation and gives the contact information necessary to make a difference for the cause.
Webmaster: New Media Publishing Inc.

★★★★★

FRactal Explorer

<http://www.vis.colostate.edu/~user1209/fractals/>
"A fractal is a mathematical object that is self-similar and chaotic. Fractals are infinitely complex, the closer you look the more detail you see." You explore the site's fractals by choosing a section to zoom in on. It's amazing how the patterns repeat themselves at every level.
Webmaster: Neal Kettler

★★★★★

GARGOYLES THEN AND NOW

<http://ils.unc.edu/garg/garghp4.html>

Those devilishly ugly stone beings squatting up on the roof are a little bit scary...check this site out for a "Natural and Unnatural History of Gargoyles," a Gargoyle of the Week, explanations of their imagery and a virtual tour of European cathedrals featuring gargoyles.

Webmasters: Jack Westerhoff & Beth Stevens

★★★

GUIDE TO LOCK PICKING

<http://www.lysator.liu.se:7500/mit-guide/mit-guide.html>

The infamous lock-picking manual written by mischievous pranksters at MIT. Disturbed by the abuse of this information, the MIT hacking community now prefaces the guide with some words of caution and wisdom. The guide is a serious instruction manual on the workings of locks and is for informational purposes only.

Webmaster: Theodore T. Tool

★★★★★

THE ROBERT A. HEINLEIN HOME PAGE

<http://www.clark.net/pub/ahasuer/heinlein/heinlein.html>

A primer for the new reader, but filled with deep knowledge about the best-selling author of *Stranger in a Strange Land* and *The Puppet Masters*. This site suggests the best order to read his works, his rules for writing, his biography, his beliefs and his bibliography.

★★★★★

THE HEART: A VIRTUAL EXPLORATION

<http://sln.fi.edu/biosci/heart.html>

An educational site teaching about the structure of the heart, the conduits of blood through the body, circulatory health and the history of heart medicine.

Webmaster: The Franklin Institute Science Museum

★★★

HYPERTEXT WEBSTER INTERFACE

<http://c.gp.cs.cmu.edu:5103/prog/webster?>

If you have that age-old dilemma of wanting to look up a word, but don't know how to spell it, the interface will suggest matches for your misspelled entry. Almost every word in the definition is itself hyperlinked for further convenience. An excellent resource.

Webmaster: Bennet Yee

★★★★★

THE INTERNET DISASTER INFORMATION NETWORK

<http://www.disaster.org/>

From chemical spills to droughts to volcanic

eruptions, the IDIN provides up-to-date information on disaster situations worldwide. Look for a special section on the Oklahoma City bombing tragedy.

Webmaster: TeleKachina Productions

★★★★★

FRIDA KAHLO HOME PAGE

<http://www.cascade.net/kahlo.html>

Frida Kahlo was an artist who suffered a great deal due to illness and personal insecurity.

This pain is reflected in her self-portraits, which exaggerate some of her features and often portray her wearing crowns of thorns.

Further explained by her biography, this site is a good introduction to Kahlo's masterful work.

Webmaster: carrie@cascade.net

★★★★★

THE KIERSEY TEMPERAMENT SORTER

<http://sunsite.unc.edu/jembirn/mb.pl>

You could pay a shrink a lot of money to administer this test, but why not just link to this site and click some radio buttons to find out which of 16 different personality types you fit. Opposing qualities include Perceiving vs. Judging, Thinking vs. Feeling and Extrovert vs. Introvert. We always knew it took different strokes to move the world!

Webmaster: Jonathan Magid

★★★★★

LEONARDO DA VINCI MUSEUM

<http://www.leonardo.net/main.html>

A magnificent museum in which users can view da Vinci's most famous works, *Mona Lisa* and *The Last Supper*, as well as lesser-known paintings, mechanical drawings of weaponry and flying machines, sketches and anatomical drawings. There is also a historical display on the life of this Renaissance Man.

Webmaster: Leonardo Internet

★★★★★

LOVER SENSUALITY QUIZ

<http://www.nashville.net/~pence/male.html>

Adults only are invited to take this quiz on lovemaking techniques and attitudes. Scoring is personalized, with thoughtful commentary on how you might improve your enjoyment, your partner's pleasure and your safety from disease. Textual.

Webmaster: Nashville .Net

★★★★★

THE NINE PLANETS

<http://seds.lpl.arizona.edu/nineplanets/nineplanets/nineplanets.html>

A breathtaking tour of our solar system for the novice. It features pictures of all the planets and their satellites, background information

and short soundbites of Holst's *The Planets* for a full multimedia experience.

Webmaster: Bill Amett

★★★

OCEANIA—THE ATLANTIS PROJECT

<http://oceania.org/>

This project is dedicated to the goal of establishing a brand-new country based on principles of freedom and fairness. Named Oceania, it will be constructed as a floating city in the Caribbean. An Oceanic Constitution, code of laws, applications for passports, articles and images are at the site. Even as a concept, it is very instructive in planning for Utopia.

Webmaster: Bob Bickford

★★★★

THE POPCLOCK PROJECTION

<http://www.census.gov/cgi-bin/popclock>

This clock extrapolates the resident population of the United States, according to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, up to the second.

Webmaster: U.S. Bureau of the Census

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RATE YOUR RISK

<http://www.nashville.net/~police/risk/>

Questionnaires about your daily habits reveal your risk of being robbed, assaulted or murdered. An analysis of your habits suggests ways for you to stay safe. Also features a freeware multimedia violence reduction game.

Webmaster: Nashville .Net

★★★★

RECIPE ARCHIVE INDEX

<http://www.vuw.ac.nz/>

~amy/recipes/index.html

This site has the best recipes, running the gamut from the traditional to the exotic. You'll learn how to make cookies, veal, couscous or pizza and impress your world-weary mom.

Webmaster: Amy Gale

★★★

THE SAFER SEX PAGE

<http://cornelius.ucsf.edu/>

~troyer/safesex.html

A straightforward page with discussion of relative risk and how to protect oneself effectively. Full of frank graphics and multimedia resources.

Webmaster: John Troyer

★★★★★

SEXUAL ASSAULT INFORMATION PAGE

<http://www.cs.utk.edu/>

~bartley/sainfoPage.html

This Web site is the perfect place to go to research the uncomfortable topic in private.

Helpful advice includes what to do if a loved one is assaulted, myths about rape and listings of crisis centers that can help out.

Webmaster: Chris Bartley

★★★★

THE SHIKI INTERNET HAIKU SALON

<http://mikan.cc.matsuyama-u.ac.jp/~shiki/>

A Japanese site attempting to explain the subtle, sparse beauty of the haiku poem. It offers history and examples of haiku and tries to get the reader in the proper frame of mind to capture the essence of nature in a few syllables. The site's goal is international understanding.

★★★★

THE SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER

<http://www.wiesenthal.com/>

This invaluable organization is dedicated to remembrance of the Holocaust and the fight against hate and bigotry everywhere. An online subset of the Center called Cyberwatch invites you to join their network of people organized to fight hate speech.

Webmaster: The Simon Wiesenthal Center

★★★★★

THE HACKER CRACKDOWN: LAW AND DISORDER ON THE ELECTRONIC FRONTIER by Bruce Sterling

http://192.76.144.75/books/crackdown/crack_toc.html

This landmark book, generously distributed as literary freeware, is a treasure for everyone in cyberspace. Educates about our civil liberties in the context of the ether, phreaking and hacking, electronic community and freedom.

Webmaster: Bruce Sterling

★★★★★

TODD'S ATOMIC HOME PAGE

<http://neutrino.nuc.berkeley.edu/neutronics/todd.html>

"A cordial greeting to whomever you might be. I am just a lowly student, entangled in Nuke E." This student has amassed an amazing collection of links regarding nuclear energy, weaponry, testing, laboratories and more.

Webmaster: Todd Postma

★★★★★

THE WORLD WIDE WEB ACRONYM AND ABBREVIATION SERVER

<http://curia.ucc.ie/info/net/acronyms/acro.html>

This nifty little database serves up the words behind the acronyms. So the next time you can't quite remember what SCUSI stands for, hop on over and punch it in.

★★★

AWESOME SPORTS SITE OF THE WEEK

<http://www.mmgco.com/online/awesome.html>

This site is cool because of the interactive element. The viewer gets to participate in the ranking of the featured site by checking it out and returning a rating of 1 to 10. Also offers a free newsletter and commentary. Check out the "gonged goners" section and vote for Site of the Month!

Webmaster: MMG

★★★★★

CHICAGO BULLS HOME PAGE

<http://www.ils.nwu.edu/~richards/bulls.html>

Fan page dealing with the Bulls. Check here to get the scoop on their roster, bios, injury status, news, schedules, MVP candidates and the seating chart for the United Center. We loved it, but found ourselves wishing that there had been images.

Webmaster: Little Jon

★★★★★

THE CRAPPY DIVESITE HOME PAGE

<http://web.cps.msu.edu/~kaszeta/scuba.html>

This is for SCUBA divers who have spent every last penny on gear and can't afford to jet to the Caribbean. Focus is on cheap, domestic dive sites with humorous ratings. Textual.

Webmaster: Rich Kaszeta

★

DANSWORLD SKATEBOARDING

<http://web.cps.msu.edu/~dunhamda/dw/dansworld.html>

Skating FAQs, gossip, industry news and personal recollections all wrapped up in a beautiful package. Be sure to catch the lovely, startling images housed on this site.

Webmaster: Dan Dunham

★★★★★

THE FOOSBALL HOME PAGE

<http://dcs.umd.edu/~clay/foosball/>

"Hey, isn't that the game in the bar where you spin the rods?" This site champions the sport of foosball, imploring that it be taken seriously. The site features the official rules, a glossary of terms, a schedule of tournaments, discussion of places to play foosball, a history of the sport and a gallery of the top players.

Webmaster: Clay Gump

★★★★★

GOLFWEB

<http://www.golfweb.com/>

GolfWeb sports a library of highly qualified

columnists and a database of over 14,000 annotated sites. They can help you find your perfect course, perfect partner or perfect equipment effortlessly.

Webmaster: GolfWeb

★★★★★

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE OPEN NET

<http://www.nhl.com>

NHL Open Net features game schedules and draft picks for the league, as well as rosters, stats, press releases and schedules for all the individual teams in the NHL. We especially liked the live interactive chats with hockey greats on IRC.

Webmaster: National Hockey League

★★★

THE RUNNING PAGE

<http://sunsite.unc.edu/drears/running/running.html>

Support for runners in cyberspace includes listings of running clubs, racing results, the running scene, marathon listings, links to products, mailing lists and RunChat!, a real-time discussion group for runners of all levels.

Webmaster: Dennis G. Rears

★★★★★

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED

<http://pathfinder.com/@/yeEgxKH7RQE AQEZG/si/greet.html>

Sports Illustrated online publishes excellent up-to-the-minute athletic news, football commentary, team scores, statistics, and schedules. They also feature fantasy leagues, guides to the Olympics and S.I. for Kids.

Webmaster: Sports Illustrated

★★★★★

THE WEIGHTLIFTING PAGE

<http://www.cs.unc.edu/~wilsonk/weights.html>

A great reference for links on the topics of recreational lifting, powerlifting, competitive bodybuilding, nutrition and online magazines.

Webmaster: Kyle Wilson

★★★★★

WORLD WIDE WEB OF SPORTS

<http://www.tns.lcs.mit.edu/cgi-bin/sports/>

A massive index of sports resources on the 'net. Local links include video highlights of NBA games, as well as the NBA schedule, NBA teams' home pages and slam-dunk photos. Other links deal with the Olympics, Michael Jordan, wrestling, cheerleading, martial arts, auto racing, volleyball and more.

Webmaster: The Telemedia, Networks, and Systems Group of MIT

★★★★★

AEON FLUX HOMEPAGE

<http://www.expense.com/aflux/index.html>
 AEon Flux is that lithe psychosexual killer whose claim to fame was swinging and stalking her way through an improbably hostile world and dying at the end of every episode on MTV's *Liquid Television*. In her new show, she's allowed to survive the episodes. This site explores her past, motivations, images and interviews her creator.
 Webmaster: ed@synergy.net
 ★★★★★

THE ANIMANIACS PAGE!

<http://www.cs.cmu.edu/afs/cs.cmu.edu/user/clamen/misc/tv/Animaniacs/Animaniacs.html>
 This site has got the complete and total goods on the Warner brothers (and the Warner sister). You will find episode guides, the complete "Pinky, are you pondering what I'm pondering?" list, ascimaniacs ASCII art, the Cultural Reference Guide to explain the show's many allusions and lyrics to all the songs on the show.
 Webmaster: Stewart M. Clamen
 ★★★★★

BUNDYLAND, HOME OF MARRIED WITH CHILDREN

<http://www.eia.brad.ac.uk/mwc/auto.html>
 Bundyland is a fan site devoted to our favorite shoe salesman and his brood of losers. In addition to episode guides and images, this site also tells the avid MWC fan how to obtain autographs, posters and comics. All this plus a Bundy fanzine.
 Webmaster: Mark Cox
 ★★

CHIPS WEB SITE

<http://underground.internet.com/CHiPs/CHiPs.html>
 Cure your Ponch-n-Jon jonesin' at this shrine to those studs of the California Highway Patrol. There are guides to all the episodes (with names such as "Moving Violation" and "Highway Robbery") and CHiPs images and sounds. A mailing list is promised for the truly faithful.
 Webmaster: Patrick Delahanty
 ★★

COMEDY CENTRAL'S TOTALLY FREE WEB SITE

<http://www.comcentral.com/>
 The irreverent cable network offers a program schedule, information on *Absolutely Fabulous*, some crazy therapy with Dr. Katz, a bunch of *AbFab* merchandise and more. Best of all is the live screen grab that shows you what's on

Comedy Central at that precise moment.
 Webmaster: Continuum Internet Publishing Services Inc.
 ★★★★★

KNIGHT RIDER HOME PAGE

<http://www.wpi.edu/~rebezar/knight.html>
 Who could forget "Michael Knight—a young loner on a crusade to champion the cause of the innocent, the helpless, the powerless, in a world of criminals who operate above the law?" This page has the fewest images of all the KR sites, but is rich in textual content such as FAQs and a breakdown of all the nifty features on K.I.T.T.'s dashboard. Revisit the days when David Hasselhoff actually wore a shirt.
 Webmaster: Brian Butler
 ★★

"AEon Flux is that
 lithe psychosexual
 killer...swinging &
 stalking her way
 through an improbably
 hostile world..."

//about AEon Flux Home Page

LURKER'S GUIDE TO BABYLON 5

<http://www.hyperion.com/lurk/lurker.html>
 The definitive guide to happenings on that 23rd-century space station full of strained relations and different races. There are schedules, character sketches, discussions of episodes and notes from the series' creator.
 Webmaster: Steven Grimm
 ★★★★★

MONTY PYTHON'S FLYING CIRCUS

<http://bau2.uibk.ac.at/sg/python/monty.html>
 Zip here for episode guides to the *Flying Circus*, biographical information on the cast

members, pictures, sounds, song lyrics to "The Lumberjack Song" and more. Especially cool is a handy search engine that lets you seek out that hilarious punch line you've been shouting out with a fake British accent since you were in junior high.

Webmaster: Stefan Gmoser

★★★★★

THE MUPPETS HOME PAGE

<http://www.ncsa.uiuc.edu/VR/BS/Muppets/muppets.html>

This site is a respectful, serious catalog of all that is Muppet-ness. Download episode guides for *The Muppet Show*, *Fraggle Rock* and *Sesame Street*. There is an FAQ and a wish list detailing what fans want to see from Jim Henson Productions. There are also links to sillier Muppet pages.

Webmaster: Bill Sherman

★★★

THE MUTANT PAGE

<http://www.santarosa.edu/~sthoecke/x.html>

Here you'll find history, chat channels, mailing lists, fan fiction, MUSHs and images of everybody's favorite mutants. This site is packed with X-Men info.

Webmaster: Steve Thoecke

★★★★★

THE MOOSE'S GUIDE TO NORTHERN EXPOSURE

<http://www.netSPACE.org/~moose/moose.html>

Even though *Northern Exposure* was canceled in real life, you can still get your fix online.

Grab some random quotes from *NX*, read the Episode Guide and flip through pics and character descriptions of the cast. Take special note of the page that lists all the ways Maggie's boyfriends have died.

Webmaster: Jude Shaby

★★★★★

THE PARTICLES OF STAR TREK

<http://www.hyperion.com/~koreth/particles/>

An exhaustive catalog of all the particles that have played a role in any *Star Trek* episode—you know, gold-pressed latinum, nanites and phospholipid fibers. There are records of the particles' pivotal roles. "So small, you can't tell it's a *deus ex machina*!" Textual.

Webmaster: Steven Grimm

★★★

REBOOT

<http://alliance.idirect.com/television.html>
The official site for ReBoot, an animated tele-

vision show that features 100 percent computer-generated graphics. It's lush and snazzy, presented in the style of a guided tour through Mainframe.

Webmaster: Mainframe Joint Ventures LTD.

★★★★★

SCOTTISH'S SCOOPY DOO PAGE

<http://www.rit.edu/~skm7386/scooby.html>

A friendly tribute to "Scoob and the gang." It's all here: pictures of all of the cast members, a list of all the celebrities who guested on the show and a list of every monster that the kids encountered. The power dynamics of the gang are discussed, and Scrappy is bashed.

Webmaster: Scott Meaker

★★★

THE TICK PAGE

<http://cipsinc.com:80/TICK/>

The Tick is a zany superhero with a heart of gold seen on Fox on Saturday mornings. This site has pictures, credits, Ticktalk and Tickisms. "And so, may evil beware, and may good dress warmly and eat fresh vegetables."

Webmaster: Continuum Internet Publishing Services Inc.

★★★★★

TV BYTES: THE WWW TV THEMES HOME PAGE

<http://www.tvrecords.com/tvbytes/>

This page is a little unwieldy, but it showcases hundreds of TV theme songs, which are worth their weight in kitsch. The guy who goes to incredible lengths to provide these clips—especially of outdated and canceled shows.

Webmaster: Patrick Kenny

★★★★★

UNSOLVED MYSTERIES

<http://www.unsolved.com/>

Unsolved Mysteries has always prided itself on its interactivity. Viewers are an integral part of the show, phoning in tips to apprehend fugitives and reunite families. Their Web site takes it to the next step by putting cases online for viewers to solve.

Webmaster: Cosgrove-Meurer Productions, Inc.

★★★★★

THE X-FILES

<http://www.rutgers.edu/x-files.html>

A site catering to the dark and obsessive needs of X-philes. There are the usual interviews, images and an FAQ. More unusual tidbits include links to audio "Mulderisms" and a net-picker's guide to the show, in which fans complain about logical and continuity flaws.

Webmaster: mcgrew@www.rutgers.edu

★★★★★

"A FIRSTHAND ACCOUNT OF AN INTERNET USER'S KIDNAPPING AND BEING HELD AGAINST HIS WILL"

<http://www.links.net/www/freakout.html>
Here is an essay written by a Cornell student who was taken from his home and forced to undergo mental evaluation due to comments he made on the Internet. An interesting commentary on privacy, mental health and individual rights. Textual.

Webmaster: Yer Mama Net Productions/
Justin Hall

★★★★

ACUPUNCTURE.COM

<http://www.Acupuncture.com>
Deals with one of the scariest practices in modern medicine, acupuncture, as well as alternative medicine, such as diet, herbology and massage. It gets down to the nitty-gritty with practitioner referrals and lists of accredited schools. It attempts to explain the healing benefits of acupuncture, which have so far been inexplicable to the Western mind.

Webmaster: Al Stone

★★★

THE ANONYMOUS MESSAGE AND URL SERVER

<http://sp1.berkeley.edu/anon.html>
This is a cool and creepy little game. You can leave an anonymous message for the next person to find, and in doing so, you uncover a message that has been left behind. Strange things lurk in the hearts of netizens.

Webmaster: University of California at Berkeley

★★★★

AUTOWORLD

<http://www.autoworld.com/>
A database of new and used automobile prices. Once you select the make, model and year of your car, it returns different prices based on the condition of the car.

Webmaster: NABA Marketing

★★★★

THE AVENGER'S HOME PAGE

<http://www.cs.uit.no/~paalde/Revenge>
Is revenge really a dish best served cold? This page features archives of various pranks, shenanigans, vengeance, urine discoloration tips and lock-picking know-how.

Webmaster: paalde@stud.cs.uit.no

★★★★

THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY VS. THE NET

<http://www.cybercom.net/~mewmar/scientology/home.html>

A series of articles documenting the alleged

activities of the religious organization, the Church of Scientology. The Church has attempted to remove Usenet newsgroups and disallow anonymous postings that discuss the tenets and practices of Scientology. This page is very detailed and provides extensive documentation. Worth checking out if you're an advocate of free speech. Textual.

Webmaster: Ron Newman

★★★★

CRAYOLA

<http://www.crayola.com/crayola>
It's corporate, but tolerably cute. Little crayon buttons point to "colorful news," trivia, stain removal tips and history. Did you know that the smell of Crayola crayons is the 18th most recognized smell in the world? It's a popular product, and this is pop culture, baby. Nicely presented, but a little limited.

Webmaster: Black Box

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"And so, may evil
beware, and may good
dress warmly and eat
fresh vegetables."

//from The Tick page

THE ENTRY LEVEL JOB SEEKER ASSISTANT

<http://www.utsi.edu:70/Students/jschmalh/jobhome.html>

This page aims to get jobs for people who have never had a real job. It looks for companies that have advertised using the phrase "entry-level" and links to them. It also has a place for your resume, and some nice words of encouragement, 'cause it's a dog-eat-recent-graduate world, unfortunately.

Webmaster:

★★★★

GOOD QUOTES BY FAMOUS PEOPLE

<http://www.cs.virginia.edu/~robins/quotes.html>

Try it, it'll give you something to think about. At least the quotes will make this void of pointless existence seem meaningful for a few minutes. Textual.

Webmaster: Prof. Gabriel Robins

★★

THE LOVE TEACHINGS OF KAMA SUTRA

[gopher://wiretap.spies.com/
00/Library/Classic/kamasut.txt](gopher://wiretap.spies.com/00/Library/Classic/kamasut.txt)

If you can decipher the poetic terms, you'll learn how to perform "The Flag of Cupid," "Aphrodite's Delight" and "The Elephant." Quite lovely—quite explicit. Textual.

Webmaster: Wiretap

★★★★★

MOZILLA MUSEUM

<http://www.snafu.de/~tilman/mozilla/>
We all love Mozilla, don't we? Here are some portraits of the Mosaic-stomping beast at his finest...as a scientist, an explorer, as a fire-breathing monstrosity and more. Netscape's scaly mascot never looked so good.

Webmaster: Tilman Hausherr

★★

THE OFFICE OF HUMAN RADIATION EXPERIMENTS

<http://www.ohre.doe.gov/>

This site is the Department of Energy's effort to be open with the public about radiation testing performed on human subjects between 1947-1974. Many documents have been declassified and put online in the course of information-seeking and investigation about these experiments.

Webmaster: United States Department of Energy

★★★★

OVER THE COFFEE

<http://www.cappuccino.com>

Liquid death. Go juice. That evil black brew. Call it whatever you like, just keep it coming! Javaheads trade stories, recipes, their criteria for the ideal coffeehouse and just generally fraternize about their sweet addiction.

Webmaster: Tim Nemec

★★★★

PUBLIC.COM PERSONALS

<http://www.public.com/personals/>

The lonely can use this fantastic resource to sort and search for potential mates. It is convenient because the forms allow you to specify your preferences in age range, religion and race; only appropriate candidates are returned. The atmosphere feels safe and private.

Webmaster: L&L Information Services

★★★★

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BEST-SELLER LISTS

[http://www.bookwire.com/
PW/bsl/bestseller-index.html](http://www.bookwire.com/PW/bsl/bestseller-index.html)

A listing of the current weekly best-sellers in

categories such as fiction, nonfiction, computer, and children's. Who keeps buying *The Bridges of Madison County*, anyway?

Webmaster: BookWire

★★★

U.S. TAX CODE ONLINE

<http://www.fourmilab.ch/ustax/ustax.html>

"The complete Internal Revenue Code is more than 21 megabytes in length, and contains more than 2.8 million words..." This site hyperlinks cross-references in the often-intimidating Tax Code and provides a WAIS search engine to help the user find relevant phrases. It's always trying to deal with taxes, but this site is a straightforward help.

Webmaster: John Walker

★★★★

THE VIRTUAL MEMORIAL GARDEN

[http://catless.ncl.ac.uk/
Obituary/memorial.html](http://catless.ncl.ac.uk/Obituary/memorial.html)

This online memorial garden is a lovely and thoughtful way for people to remember their loved ones with a tribute that can be visited again and again. It provides catharsis and a tangible way to honor the dead. There are monuments to friends, family and pets here.

Webmaster: Lindsay Marshall

★★★★★

VOODOO INFORMATION PAGES

[http://www.vmedia.com/
shannon/voodoo/voodoo.html](http://www.vmedia.com/shannon/voodoo/voodoo.html)

Extensive reference on voodoo ritual, history, black magic and the astral plane. Eerily detailed.

Webmaster: Shannon Turlington Settle

★★★★

WHO'S COOL IN AMERICA

<http://www.getcool.com/~getcool>

These people feel that the word "cool" is being flung about pretty recklessly and took it upon themselves to impose some quality control. To get on their list, someone else has to nominate you. If you make the grade, you be approved for their official list. A cute, but rather limited, concept.

Webmaster: Who's Cool in America

★

X AVENUE

<http://www.nicoh.com/the/x.html>

It's called "a mall for you," assuming that "you" are young, bored and cool. Establishments online include Skeleteens and the Princeton Review. There's actually more entertainment here than shopping, with categories such as stuff for slackers, stuff for change and a retro music page.

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